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ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
Approved Minutes of Meeting
January 7, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lawrence Bleau	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
James McFadden	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Rose Greene Colby	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Christopher Gill, Chair	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Kate Kennedy, Vice Chair	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Javid Farazad	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Also Present: Planning Staff – Terry Schum, Miriam Bader and Theresheia Williams;
 Attorney: Suellen Ferguson and Jillian Bokey

I. Call to Order: Christopher Gill called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

Kate Kennedy moved to elect Christopher Gill as Chair. Lawrence Bleau seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

James McFadden moved to elect Kate Kennedy as Vice-Chair. Christopher Gill seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Larry Bleau moved to adopt the minutes of November 5, 2015. Kate Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Larry Bleau moved to adopt the minutes of December 3, 2015. James McFadden seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

IV. Amendments to Agenda: Terry Schum added a new item, Rules and Procedures for Board and Committees, after Item VII. She also suggests moving Item VI, Discussion on Fence Ordinance Listening Session, to later on the agenda when the Attorney is present.

V. Public Remarks on Non-Agenda Items: There were no Public Remarks on Non-Agenda Items.

VI. Follow-up on Discussion of Fence Ordinance Listening Session:

Terry Schum prepared an outline to help organize the discussion on last month’s listening session. Several residents testified and written comments were submitted by the Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) and Patrick O’Brien of

9032 48th Place. Other items distributed to the commissioners were: Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Inquiry Response; Fence Regulations Wording; Fence Ordinance Criteria from other Ordinances; and Kate Kennedy's comments. Commissioners discussed the comments and information that staff submitted and made the following recommendations for changes to the City Fence Ordinance:

- Make the fence ordinance easier to understand.
- Keep restrictions on front yard fences.
- Define garden fences, size limitations and materials.
- Define how openness should be measured.
- Differentiate between temporary, seasonal and permanent garden fences.
- Clarify decorative fences.
- Clarify through-lot language.
- Simplify some of the ordinance language.

VII. Update on Development Activity: Terry Schum reported on the following:

Greenbelt Station – FBI Headquarters - The Draft Environmental Impact Study has been released and public comments were due January 6, 2016. The City Council submitted comments and their official position is still in support of FBI coming to Greenbelt. North College Park Citizens Association sent a letter to the City Council with their position. The final Environmental Impact Statement will be released in about a year and there will be a record of decision where GSA will announce their preferred location.

Darcars Honda Dealership Detailed Site Plan – The Detailed Site Plan application is for an addition to create an expanded service area. The site is located on Route 1 just south of Hollywood Road on the west side. The application has not been referred yet.

Request for Proposals – The University of Maryland Foundation put out RFP for the Quality Inn and Platos Diner site that is due on January 22, 2016. They are seeking a developer to demolish the existing structures and build a new mixed-use project. The proposed development will consist of multi-family market-rate housing, retail and structured parking.

VIII. Discussion on Rules and Procedures for Boards and Committees

The City Council took on a year-long effort to meet with all of their Board, Committees and Commissions. The City Clerk sent out a memo to all committee members with new rules and regulations that were adopted pertaining to Council-appointed Boards. Commissioners, staff and the attorney discussed the Rules and Procedures and any changes that have been made since the last version. Item twelve indicated that the Board is required to submit an annual written report to the City Council annually. The Commissioners voted to submit a written report showing the activity during the last calendar year. Staff will draft a report for the commissioners to review at the next meeting. Staff will also clarify with the City Clerk item #5 in reference to closed session meetings.

IX. Other Business:

Chad Williams, from Park and Planning, will be giving a presentation to the City Council on the Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite Module One during the Four Cities meeting that is being held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. APC members are welcome to attend.

X. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Theresheia Williams